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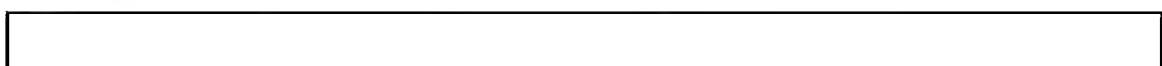
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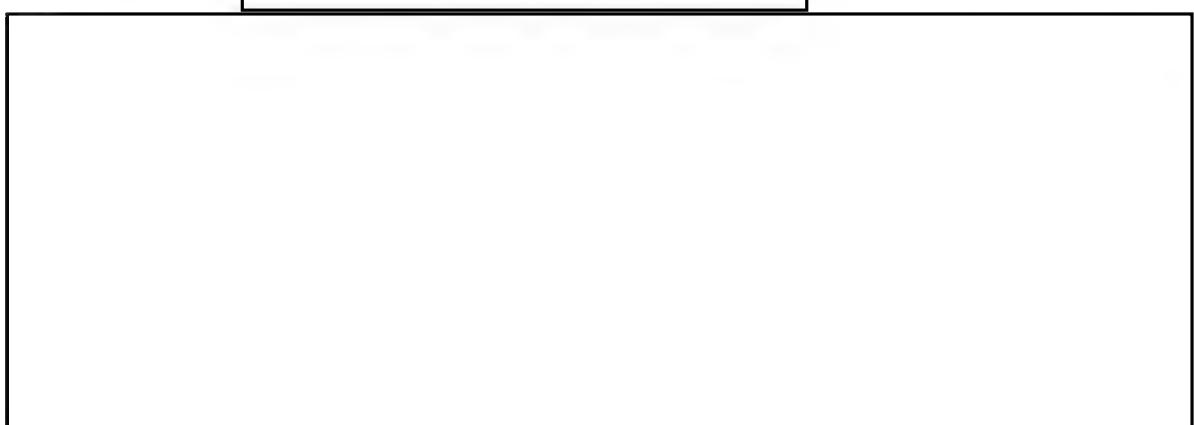
#### RHODESIA: Efforts to Unify Guerrilla Forces

The announcement by Rhodesian guerrilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe in Addis Ababa on Saturday that they will unify their fighting forces and later adopt a joint constitution will have little practical effect. If the leaders actually proceed with plans to establish a joint military command, tensions within each guerrilla organization, particularly Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union, will increase. [redacted]

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Nkomo's ZAPU and Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union are already linked by a coordinating committee and a defense council created when the two organizations formed the Patriotic Front in late 1976. Tribal and political rivalries, however, have prevented the committee and council from functioning effectively, and the Front has never served as much more than a framework for coordinating guerrilla negotiating positions. In the wake of the Rhodesian elections and escalating Rhodesian raids into neighboring states, the presidents of the Frontline States have increasingly pushed the guerrilla leaders to unify their forces, but they have had little success. [redacted]

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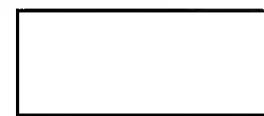


We presume the guerrilla leaders' reference to a constitution for governing Rhodesia was for the benefit of the USSR and Cuba. The Soviets and Cubans have been planning for several months to bring Nkomo and Mugabe

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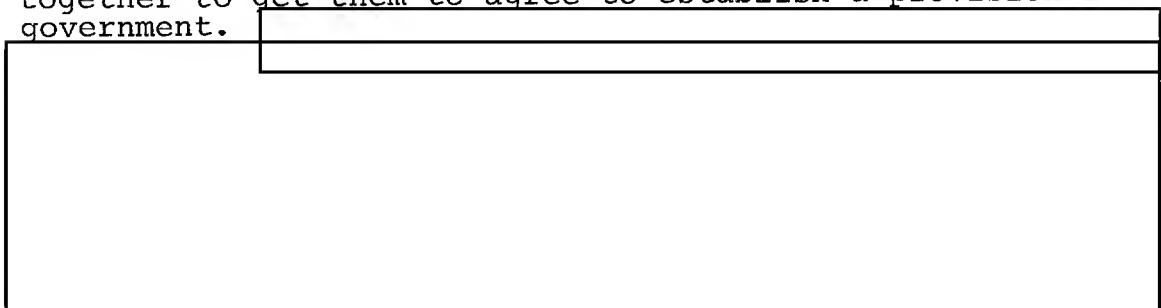




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together to get them to agree to establish a provisional government.



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#### OVERNIGHT REPORTS

(The items in the Overnight Reports section have not been coordinated within the intelligence community. They are prepared overnight by the Office of Current Operations with analyst comment where possible from the production offices of NFAC.)

#### Iran-US

Tehran radio has carried the text of a terse statement by the Foreign Ministry dated yesterday announcing that the government was rescinding the diplomatic privileges--including immunity from trial and prosecution--of US "military advisers in Iran."  

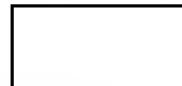
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#### Iran

The US Embassy in Tehran reports today that in addition to the anxiety in the Iranian Jewish community after one of its members was executed last week, the Bahai community has come under increasing pressure. Assets of leading Bahai adherents have been taken over by pro-Khomeini committees, and at least two industries owned by Bahais have been acquired by recently created Islamic foundations. The Embassy notes that when security tensions go up, minority communities in Iran feel the heat--the alleged slayers of Ayatollah Motahari, the Forghan, are described in one account as a Bahai-led group responsible to Israel and to Western imperialism. The US Charge is scheduled to meet with Foreign Minister Yazdi tomorrow and plans to raise the status of Iranian Jews with him.  

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Warsaw Pact

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A conference of the foreign ministers of the Warsaw Pact opens today in Budapest. The US Embassy in Bucharest has learned [redacted]

[redacted] that the formal agenda is limited to "disarmament" and preparations for next year's follow-up conference in Madrid on implementation of the Helsinki accords on European security and cooperation signed in 1975. [redacted]

Comment: The "disarmament" rubric presumably will cover the status of the East-West force reductions negotiations and allow Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko to discuss the terms of the SALT II treaty. [redacted]

Western Europe - NATO

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Defense ministers of 10 NATO countries that comprise the Eurogroup meet today in Brussels on the eve of the semiannual ministerial-level gathering of NATO's Defense Planning Committee, which will be held there tomorrow and Wednesday. The Eurogroup participants will discuss co-operation in arms production and procurement and prospects for the SALT III negotiations, especially the issue of "gray area" nuclear weapon systems not covered by either SALT I or SALT II. [redacted]

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Kuwait-Egypt

The financial adviser to the Amir of Kuwait acknowledged to the US Ambassador yesterday that, in practical terms, Kuwait cannot withdraw all its funds from Egyptian banks, as Cairo does not have the foreign exchange to honor such withdrawals. The adviser also said that while Kuwait would provide no new aid for Egypt, he doubted there would be much of a pullout of Kuwaiti investment because most of it was locked into equity positions in joint ventures, including the Sumed pipeline. The Ambassador comments that the Kuwaitis may be giving their Arab brethren the impression that they are putting the squeeze on Cairo while not pressing for the actual return of funds they know the Egyptians cannot provide. [redacted]

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France-Indochina

The US Embassy in Paris reports that while France will be represented at the meeting on the Indochinese refugee problem opening in Jakarta tomorrow, it will not participate in the proposed special processing center for the refugees. According to a Foreign Ministry official, France in July will cut the number of Indochinese refugees it allows in from 1,000-1,100 a month to 500-600 a month. The Embassy has learned [redacted]

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[redacted] that this decision was made by Prime Minister Barre and approved by President Giscard. [redacted]

[redacted] the decision stemmed from financial and unemployment considerations, although there was some concern over the possibility of racial problems as refugees from Indochina congregated in the Paris area. [redacted]

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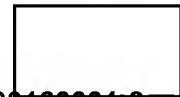
Prime Minister Desai's special envoy Dinesh Singh arrives in Singapore today at the start of a seven-country tour--the ASEAN member-states, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka--to sound out these countries regarding the handling of the Kampuchean recognition issue when the Nonaligned Movement's Coordinating Bureau has a ministerial-level meeting in Colombo early next month. Foreign Minister Vajpayee and his deputy will each visit three Middle East capitals this month, and the US Embassy in New Delhi reports that the prevention of Egypt's expulsion from the nonaligned movement "has become a major goal in Indian diplomacy." [redacted]

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The Embassy also notes that the Indian press reported last Friday that Desai will travel on 10 to 21 June to the USSR, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia. While in Yugoslavia, Desai will probably plan a strategy with President Tito for the Nonaligned summit at Havana in September. Desai, who visited the USSR in the fall of 1977, presumably will further exchange views on matters discussed when Soviet Premier Kosygin visited India two months ago. [redacted]

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Zambia

President Kaunda yesterday lifted the widespread nightly curfew imposed 16 April, three days after a Rhodesian commando raid into Lusaka destroyed Joshua Nkomo's house and damaged buildings used by his Zimbabwe African People's Union. There were no significant Rhodesian raids on guerrilla targets in Zambia while the curfew was in effect, but Kaunda indicated he believed that further such activity could well occur.

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Comment: *The curfew had little military value, but it added to existing friction between ZAPU and Zambian defense forces and increased popular resentment of the guerrillas.*



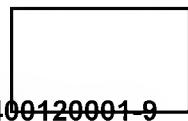
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Burundi

The US Embassy in Bujumbura reports that considerable tension has built up there over rumors of an impending clash between the ruling, but minority Tutsis and the majority Hutus, nearly 100,000 of whom were massacred by the Tutsis seven years ago. Because Burundi did not openly back Tanzania in its dispute with deposed Ugandan leader Amin, President Nyerere is rumored to be on the verge of arming and organizing the Hutus in Tanzania for a push into Burundi following the pattern of his use of Ugandan exiles. The Embassy comments that rumor-mongering by the bourgeoisie in Bujumbura is common and has been fed by speculation that the government is stockpiling petroleum to meet a security crisis.

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